

## How and where can I serve?

10th Medical Regiment	121st Engineer Regiment
Cavalry Troop A	MDDF Band
Honor Guard	Security
Finance	Chaplain
Information Technology	Tactical Communications
Cyber Security	Administration
Plans, Operations & Training	Judge Advocate & Legal
Troop Command	Military Support
Logistics and Supply	Civil Affairs/Interpreter



## How to Volunteer

Email: [recruiter@mddf.maryland.gov](mailto:recruiter@mddf.maryland.gov)

Please provide the following items:

1. a brief description of your professional experience
2. what unit you are interested in joining (if any)
3. what prior military service you have had (if any)
4. a copy of your most current resumé
5. proof of US Citizenship

### Schedule a Visit

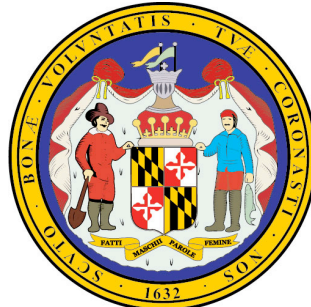
The Maryland Defense Force is Headquartered at the historic Pikesville Military Reservation in Pikesville, Maryland.

After your credentials have been vetted, you may schedule a visit with your assigned recruiter. Please note that due to security regulations, MDDF activities are not open to the public and you must be invited to attend.

For media requests please contact the Public Affairs Section.

[publicaffairs@mddf.maryland.gov](mailto:publicaffairs@mddf.maryland.gov)

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# Maryland Defense Force

**Officio Vocante Parati - Ready When Called  
Since 1917**

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# What is the Maryland Defense Force?

The Maryland Defense Force is a volunteer uniformed state military agency and one of the four components of the Maryland Military Department. Formally established by the Maryland legislature in 1917, the unit's heritage and traditions trace back to the 17th century.

The MDF is one of a number of State Defense Forces authorized by the U.S. Congress under Title 32 and the respective state legislatures.

While specific missions vary from state to state, the Maryland Defense Force has the primary mission of providing competent and supplemental professional, technical, and military support to the Maryland Army National Guard, the Maryland Air National Guard, and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency.

State Defense Forces operate under the command of the Governor, as state Commander-in-Chief, and fall under the operational control of the State Adjutant General. State Defense Forces receive no federal funds and are supported entirely by the state.

## HERITAGE

In the spirit of volunteerism and service of the first Colonial Militia of Maryland, the MDF was formally created by the State of Maryland in 1917 during World War I.



## TODAY

In the 21st Century, the MDF has adapted to serve the needs of the Citizens of the State of Maryland. In so doing, the MDF has become the premier and most capable state defense force in the nation. Its ranks are filled by the finest professionals in the State of Maryland.

With over three hundred years of service to Maryland, the MDF is Ready When Called.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: Am I joining the Army?  
A: No, the MDF is a state military unit and is not part of the US Army or National Guard.

Q: Can I be sent overseas?

A: No, the MDF is limited to service with in the State of Maryland and the continental United States under extreme circumstances only.

Q: Are you sure I'm not joining the Army? What about those uniforms?

A: The MDF wears the standard uniforms of the United States Army as provided by federal regulation NGR 10-4. They are modified for state service with the flag of Maryland and other insignia.

Q: So what do I get if I join?

A: You are joining a truly elite unit and are granted the honor of rank and uniform. MDF personnel are also entitled to a \$3500 Maryland state tax deduction after 3 years of service.

Q: What's the time commitment? What about boot camp?

A: Expect at least 8 hours a month but you may volunteer as much as you are able. There is no boot camp for MDF personnel.

